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ANGOLA

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SITUATION

- Nearly 1.7 million Congolese were internally displaced when violence broke out in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) in August 2016, following government clashes with members of a local armed group, according to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. The growing conflict forced over 35,000 people to seek safety in neighboring Angola's Lunda Norte Province from April to June 2017. Since June 2017, roughly 10,000 people from DRC have voluntarily returned to their areas of origin, according to the Government of Angola. However, as the security situation in the Kasai region remains precarious, humanitarian organizations are preparing to provide further protection and assistance.



- The Government of Angola currently maintains an open door policy to Congolese refugees fleeing as a result of conflict. Since August 2017, refugees have been gradually relocated from local refugee reception centers and host communities to a refugee settlement in Lóvua, in northern Lunda Norte Province, where humanitarian actors can more manageably provide protection, food assistance, nutrition and other basic needs. As of March 2018, approximately 13,500 refugees are residing in Lóvua.

RESPONSE

- In May 2017, the Government of Angola requested support in providing food assistance to Congolese refugees sheltering in Lunda Norte Province. In response, USAID's Office of Food for Peace partnered with WFP to provide general food distributions to refugees using regionally procured food and specialized nutrition products for the prevention and treatment of malnutrition. As of November 2017, refugee food security status is stable and the nutritional status of children has improved. GAM prevalence stands at 1.5 percent and no cases of severe acute malnutrition have been documented, according to WFP.

FOOD FOR PEACE CONTRIBUTIONS

Total Contributions per Fiscal Year

US Dollars

Metric Tons

FY 2017

\$4.7 million

3,696 MT

FY 2017 by Types of Aid

